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Cubans Seize Invader Chief; Death Likely

Miami, April 27 (UPI).—The top field commander who led the force of exiled Cubans in their abortive invasion has been captured, Fidel Castro's radio said today.

The commander, Roberto San Roman, was believed certain to be executed by firing squad, perhaps as one of the "two or three war criminals" Premier Castro said must die. Apparently fearing world revulsion, Castro announced the other 700 invasion prisoners would be spared.

The radio also announced the capture of Ulises Carbo, son of an anti-Castro leader, the Associated Press reported. It said Carbo, son of Sergio Carbo, former editor of the newspaper Prensa Libre, was seized on a sinking barge in the invasion area.

Havana radio said San Roman, a Cuban army captain and career officer, was discovered among a "new group" of prisoners taken to an internment camp in the swampy Zapata peninsula.

Others Identify Him

San Roman was tactical commander of the force that landed April 17 at the Bay of Cochinos. The civilian leader and representative of the exile Revolutionary Council, Manuel Artime, still is at large.

San Roman was the officer who rejected evacuation when Castro forces mounted an overwhelming attack and radioed: "I shall never leave my country."

Other prisoners, interrogated on television, have identified him as the officer who finally shouted the command, "every man for himself" instead of surrendering when Castro's tanks closed in on the small invading force.

Havana radio said San Roman gave a false name when he was questioned after capture in an attempt to "elude responsibility and escape the justice of the people."

Castro went on television in an early morning broadcast today and told some 700 prisoners crowded in the Havana Sports Palace that he was going to shoot only "two or three" of the "war criminals," the tanks.